



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hal

PRESENT

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford (absent)
Mayor Pro Tem Joanna B. Craig
Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham
Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak
Councilmember Deborah H. Davis
City Clerk Brenda Davis

City Manager Mel Pearson
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young (absent)
Finance Director Debra Courtney
Chronicle-Independent Gee Whetsel
and interested citizens

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Councilmember Deborah H. Davis gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Joanna B. Craig called the Camden City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2019. Councilmember Graham abstained from voting due to his absence at the June 11, 2019 meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jeff Lubetkin, Hunting Inc. Road spoke regarding his concerns of handicap parking. Mr. Lubetkin concerns were that there were no law enforcement officers dedicated to writing handicap parking tickets.

Mark Rush, Liberty Hill Road spoke regarding his concerns of the rezoning of property located at 1101 Roberts Street. His concerns were the following: what type of business will be located there, any noise that will be generated by rezoning the property to GBD, traffic issues, and drainage/run-off from the creek that sits behind the property.

Terry Ballard, Chesnut Street spoke regarding her concerns of suspicious activity in the Chesnut Street neighborhood and ask what could be done to revitalize the area.

Shannon Smith, Lugoff, SC spoke regarding her concerns of the rezoning of property located at 1101 Roberts Street. Mrs. Smith family owns the lot located on the corner of DeKalb and Roberts Street (18 East DeKalb St). Their wish is to combine both properties and sell as one parcel to benefit the growing hospital and medical community nearby.



ATAX COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FY 2019-2020

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, followed by discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve the ATAX Committee recommendations for the disbursement of the City’s ATAX funds for FY 2019-2020.

HTAX COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FY 2019-2020

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, followed by discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve the HTAX Committee recommendations for the disbursement of the City’s HTAX funds for FY 2019-2020.

ORDINANCE #2019-015 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Graham, followed by discussion from Council and comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance approving the rezoning request of properties located at 709 Mill Street and 208 King Street from Industrial to Limited Business District. The rezoning request is to construct an expansion of the Alpha Center.

ORDINANCE #2019-016 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Graham, followed by discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance approving the rezoning request of the property located at 1101 Roberts Street from R-15 to General Business District. The rezoning was requested so the property may be combined with the adjacent parcel to the south for future commercial development. No specific development proposal has been submitted to date.

RESOLUTION #2019-010

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Graham, followed by comments from Council, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at National League of Cities Small Cities Conference on July 11, 2019 at the Robert Mills Courthouse.

RESOLUTION #2019-011

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Graham, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Camden and Central Carolina Technical College.

BOARDS AND COMMISSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to appoint the following individual to the Planning Commission with term to expire on August 31, 2023: Mark Chickering



ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Joanna B. Craig

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis